

CUSTER STATE PARK DEER

The 2017 Custer State Park Deer season was open November 1-30 for Any Deer and Any Whitetail licenses and from December 1-15 for Antlerless Whitetail muzzleloader licenses. Only archery equipment could be used from November 1-15. A total of 64 licenses were issued.

All license holders that provided an email address when they applied for their license were surveyed by email and those that did not respond or did not provide an email were sent paper surveys. A total of 57 responses were received for an 89% return rate. Those responding reported hunting an average of 3.50 days, which projected to 224 recreation days for the season.

The harvest projection for the Custer State Park Deer season was 42 deer (30 adult whitetail bucks, 9 adult whitetail does, 2 fawn whitetail does, and 1 adult mule deer buck). The overall season harvest success rate was 66%.

Summary comparison of the 2008-2017 seasons

Year	Apps	Licenses	Whitetail		Mule		Total	Success	Avg Days Hunted
			Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does			
2008	1,088	47	8	38	2	0	48	86%	3.0
2009	1,667	47	10	42	2	0	54	87%	2.7
2010	1,336	47	8	44	2	0	52	84%	6.3
2011	1,831	47	10	23	2	0	35	88%	2.6
2012	1,825	12	10	0	1	0	11	92%	3.5
2013	1,474	30	7	17	0	0	24	80%	3.3
2014	1,755	30	8	13	0	0	21	68%	2.2
2015	1,866	29	8	15	0	0	23	79%	2.9
2016	2,088	40	10	19	0	0	29	72%	2.3
2017	2,391	64	30	11	1	0	42	66%	3.5

2017 Custer State Park Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 15 Feb 2018

Last Revised: 13 Feb 2018

Unit/Type	Licenses					Harvest Projections										Total Deer	Mean Satisfctn Score	Avg Days Hunted
	Resident																	
	Appl. 1st					Whitetail				Mule Deer								
	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Resp.	Success	Bucks		Does		Bucks		Does						
						Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn					
CU1-01	1,321	5	5	100%	80%	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	+/-0	5.00	3.60	
CU1-11	1,011	29	29	90%	92%	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	+/-1	5.73	5.42	
CU1-13	59	30	30	87%	38%	0	0	9	2	0	0	0	0	12	+/-2	5.78	1.62	
	2,391	64	64	89.1%	66%	30	0	9	2	1	0	0	0	42	+/-3	5.70	3.50	

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